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Lebanon

Security Plan — The Military Council and the Security Arrangements Committee held a joint meeting at which agreement was reached to gather heavy weapons from all parts of Beirut starting 3 July and to deploy the Lebanese Army throughout the capital, the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio announced. The 5th and 6th Brigades will be deployed in East and West Beirut respectively and all gunmen will be withdrawn as the Army takes up its assigned positions. At a subsequent meeting of all the nationalist parties and forces in West Beirut, the conferees stressed their support for the security plan, the radio reported. Minister of State Nabih Birri, Amal Movement leader, declared that all parties have been "positive" toward the plan, according to Beirut radio.

As for the security situation, Voice of Lebanon radio spoke of "noticeable calm" in the capital late on 2 July. Prime Minister Rashid Karami expressed optimism about the situation in remarks broadcast by the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio following his meeting with U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Robert Pelletreau. In another development, Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Junblatt flew to Moscow for talks with Soviet leaders, Voice of the Mountain reported.

Ferry Passengers — The Israeli authorities released five of the nine passengers from the Cyprus-Beirut ferry who were detained in Haifa last weekend, IDF radio announced on 3 July. The five were transferred to Lebanon and handed over to the International Red Cross. Earlier, Israeli officials denied a London press report that the international terrorist "Carlos" is among those detained from the ferry, Jerusalem radio noted.

Syria

The Defense Companies, commanded by Vice President Rif'at al-Asad, have been incorporated into the Syrian Army because Syria's aquisition of new sophisticated weapons has rendered their former tasks unnecessary, Defense Minister General Mustafa Talas disclosed in a French television interview reported by KUNA. Commenting on the Syrian Army's reorganization following the Lebanon war in 1982, Talas confirmed that Syria has obtained SS-21 missiles and also revealed that 5,000 Soviet personnel are manning the 2 SAM-5 bases.

Gulf Conflict

Shipping Situation — The Greek vessel *Alexander II* was attacked on 1 July while sailing toward the Iranian port of Bandar-e Khomeyni, Athens radio reported citing an Athens news agency. Reacting to an Iraqi attack on the South Korean vessel *Wonjin* on that same day, the South Korean Government decided to request Korean ships not to sail above 27.3 degrees north latitude in the Persian Gulf, a Foreign Ministry official said after a governmental meeting reported by YONHAP. Korean vessels would be obliged to obtain permission from "pertinent government agencies" before sailing in the Gulf's "dangerous zones," and vessels failing to receive government approval of navigational plans before entering the Gulf would face legal sanctions, YONHAP added.

IRNA on Western media — "Imperialist" news media reports on a forthcoming major Iranian ground offensive and on differences between Iranian leaders on conduct of the war do not conform with reality and reason, IRNA asserted. Such reports, including misrepresenting Iran's acceptance of a UN cease-fire against civilian areas as a gesture of conciliation or a retreat from war, only provide psychological and propaganda ammunition for Iraq's leadership, IRNA added.

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Karmal 'Id al-Fitr Speech Notes Victories Over Rebels

LD292301 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul 29 Jun (BAKHTAR) — Attention radio, television, and press: The following speech by esteemed Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, cannot be published until Babrak Karmal himself broadcasts it over television and radio.

Text of a radio-television speech by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, on the occasion of the auspicious 'Id al-Fitr:

In the name of God Almighty: Compatriot brethern and sisters, greeting and praise to you. Allow me to present the congratulations and sincere best wishes of the PDPA Central Committee, the Revolutionary Council, the DRA Government, and myself to you, working Muslim compatriots and all fraternal people of the Islamic countries. I wish you the prosperity and blossoming of our beloved country: the ancient and revolutionary Afghanistan.

Dear compatriots: This year in most parts of the country our religious and working people have accomplished the Islamic obligation of the holy month of Ramadan in relatively quieter circumstances and safer from the aggression and intimidation of the savage counterrevolutionaries. This is being secured as a result of the remarkable victories of our heroic Armed Forces against the counterrevolutionaries — those servants and mercenaries of reaction and imperialism — and of the wide-ranging measures taken by the party and government to consolidate and broaden government authority and further restore peace and calm, accomplished with the support of the great masses of the people.

The recent victories of the revolution and the deadly blows inflicted on the counterrevolutionaries by the country's armed and patriotic forces, are proof of this. As a result, their inhumane, anti-Islamic, and anti-Afghan centers and nests were crushed; peace and calm were restored in wide and vital regions of the country. This shows also that despite numerous conspiracies and plots from reaction and international imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism and Chinese hegemonism, despite their flood of material assistance and further dispatch of large quantities of weapons and ammunition to counterrevolutionaries, the static forces are no longer capable of standing against the revolutionary forces and our working people. Their decisive and shameful defeat is approaching. Their evil plans and hateful dreams for the restoration of black and medieval order, restoration of a despotic, oppressive, and exploitative regime dependent on imperialism, oppression, and cruel exploitation, as well as for the resumption of domination over the destiny of the workers of our proud Afghan country, have been foiled.

However, we should not suppose from this that the savage giants of imperialism, reaction, and hegemonism will learn from their decisive and shameful defeats and will stop interference and aggression. On the contrary, they, in their strivings and evil deeds, resort to most wicked and cunning methods to achieve their evil objectives, or at least to delay the process of normalization and stability in our united homeland, the revolutionary Afghanistan.

As the counterrevolutionaries and their reactionary and imperialist masters no longer have the ability to confront directly the working people and our heroic Armed Forces, they resort further to evil methods, sabotage, destruction, terrorism, murder, psychologial warfare, false propaganda, and shameful fabrications. However, these are not the signs of their power. They are the signs of their weakness and defeat against the formidable and proud power of the people of Afghanistan.

Working and Muslim compatriots, your party and revolutionary government, despite vain attempts by the black enemy forces, are paying more attention to constructive and broad tasks for the progress and blossoming of the country's economy and culture, raising the material and spiritual standard of life of the people, and restoring durable peace, security, and tranquillity. This is our humane and unswerving policy.

Dear compatriots, once again in this day of 'Id al-Fitr of Muslims, in this day of conciliation and friendship, we announce that the warm bosom of the motherland of Afghanistan is wide open, with body and heart and with all security and assurance, to all of our compatriots wherever they are, inside or outside the country, who wish reconciliation and peaceful and honorable life in their country, who are willing to obey the democratic and revolutionary laws of their national government and do not intend to disrupt the security of the people or allow themselves to become the tools of the enemies of Afghanistan.

Afghanistan is the homeland of all Afghans who regard themselves as faithful citizens of Afghanistan. The homeland only rejects traitors to the homeland. Love for the working people and love for free and independent Afghanistan is the right and noble duty of every patriotic Afghan. It is the order of our motherland to recognize friends and foes. Taking friend instead of enemy and enemy instead of friend is a grave mistake against the people, homeland, and history. Here I must regrettably point out that the militarist regime of Pakistan and the ruling reactionary circles of Iran, despite the noble will of the fraternal and Muslim people of Pakistan and Iran, mercilessly trample on the holy principle of peace, fraternity, friendship, and good neighborly relations contrary to the norms of humanity and Islamic and international principles. In accordance with the aggressive strategy of U.S. imperialism and its allies, they interfere in the internal affairs of our country and send the counterrevolutionaries into our country, because reaction and imperialism are afraid of the emancipating national and social revolution of Afghanistan.

However, the revolution of our people, despite the undeclared war of reaction and imperialism, forges ahead from one victory to another and will definitely and resolutely become finally victorious; its enemies will be crushed and the banner of free and independent Afghanistan, as an Islamic, progressive, peaceloving, nonaligned, and faithful member of the United Nations organization, will wave with pride, firmness, and assurance. It is not far away that the noble and working people and the sons of our country will succeed in achieving peace and secure

conditions, peaceful work for the construction of a new society, and full freedom and lasting tranquillity.

Compatriots, our policy in the region and in the international arena is a policy for the defense of peace and security of the masses, a policy based on the principle of cooperation, equality of rights, non-interference in the affairs of one another, respect for independence, national sovereignty, and territorial integrity of all countries. In this connection we continue our efforts for the solution of the events around Afghanistan on the basis of the DRA's realistic proposals and initiatives.

We resolutely denounce and condemn the increasing conspiracies, intrigues, and interference of U.S. imperialism against the peaceloving countries of the region.

Regrettably, the fratricidal war between two Muslim countries of Iran and Iraq is still continuing. This war, in addition to the immense miseries brought upon the fraternal people of the two countries, has caused the loss of massive human and material forces in both countries. It is used as a pretext for the increasing interference and broadening of the military presence of U.S. imperialism and its allies in the region. The DRA is desirous that this war will soon end.

Dear compatriots, in these joyful days of the auspicious 'Id al-Fitr, our Palestinian brothers and the fraternal people of Lebanon are still suffering from the continued aggression and oppression of Zionism and their imperialist American allies. The aggressive and Zionist Israel, with the all-round support of U.S. imperialism, is continuing the occupation of the Arab land and trampling on the rights of Arab and Palestinian people. It carries out aggression against the independent country of Lebanon and intends to implement the evil plan to permanently annex Jerusalem to Israel. We are firmly on the side of the Palestinian and other Arab people in their struggle against Zionism and imperialism for the restoration of their rights and freedom of their occupied land.

In conclusion, once again I congratulate the Muslim and working people of the country, Pashtun and Baloch brethren, and all the people of Islamic countries, on the arrival of the auspicious 'Id al-Fitr. I wish them progress, success, prosperity, peace, friendship, sincerity, and cooperation among themselves. May the 'Id al-Fitr of the world's Muslims be auspicious and bring fraternity, friendship, and lasting prosperity to all working and revolutionary people of our proud, united, free, and independent Afghanistan. Our dear sons will live in the new prosperous society of Afghanistan.

Rebels Repent, Pledge Devotion to Revolution

LD301857 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] Eight of the counterrevolutionary elements, led by Gholam Rasul, belonging to Jami'at-e Islami, came to the side of the government and people in Sayadan Village, Parvan Province, bringing their weapons with them. They availed themselves of the Revolutionary Council Presidium's general amnesty decree and message of the nationwide session of officials from the nationalities, tribes, and clans of the country.

In repenting their past deeds, they pledged devotion and self-sacrifice for implementing the lofty objectives of the Sawr revolution.

SPA Cites AAP on Government-Rebel Clashes

LD301344 Riyadh SPA in English 1213 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] Islamabad, June 30, SPA — More than one hundred Afghan civilians and eighteen mujahidin were killed on June 18 as a result of a savage Soviet bombing over Chahar Deh county of Kabul, the unofficial AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS (AAP) said last night.

The bombing of Chahar Deh villages was preceded by a fierce clash between mujahidin and Soviet-Afghan Government troops in the area, the agency said.

Mujahidin were provoked into action as a result of communist barbaric practices against villages during a house-to-house search, AAP added.

Some 41 Soviet-Afghan troops were reportedly killed when the communist force was attacked by resistance fighters. One Soviet tank was destroyed in the fighting, AAP added.

In another report AAP said that on June 20, mujahidin shot down a Soviet MIG aircraft near (Moshki)town on Kabul-Qandahar highway. The aircraft was engaged in bombing mujahidin positions, AAP said.

Voice of Islamic Revolution on Operations Near Kabul

GF291900 (Clandestine) Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Dari 1717 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] The holy crusade of our Muslim nation against the Soviet occupation forces and the deceived people of the Karmal regime continues in various fronts of our Islamic land with the gracious aid of divine elements. Our mujahidin brothers inflict heavy losses on the enemy at every front.

According to reports received from Kabul a severe clash occured between our mujahidin brothers, the occupation force and the Karmal regime force near Kabul a couple of days ago. In these operations a large number of enemy troops were killed and some wounded. In these operations several enemy trucks along with other transport vehicles were destroyed. The report does not give the exact place of the clash.

The number of attacks by our mujahidin brothers against the enemies of religion and the country have grown this month compared with those made last month. Our mujahidin brothers even in the days of fasting have attacked Soviet posts and the elements of the Khalq and Parcham parties. These attacks are made when the Soviet gunship helicopters are flying day and

night in Kabul skies on surveillance missions and to safeguard their strategic points.

According to reports received, clashes have occured between two groups of Khalq and Parcham parties in one of the districts of (Olasvari) and have resulted in wounding members from both parties. This clash has occured on differences between them on political issues. Political observers believe that differences have appeared among the upper cadre of the Khalq and Parcham parties.

Kabul University Records Earth Tremor 1 July
LD021744 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] Kabul University's seismograph unit yesterday recorded a relatively strong earth tremor at a distance of 30 km from the unit.

A spokesman for the unit reported an earth tremor was recorded at 1443 on Sunday, 1 July, at a distance of 30 km from the unit at a depth of 99 km and measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale. No losses or damage have yet been reported.

HINDUSTAN TIMES Outlines White Paper on Punjab

BK030801 Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English 27 Jun 84 pp 1, 16

[By M.K. Dhar]

[Text] New Delhi, June 26 — The government's White Paper on recent developments in Punjab will underline the threat to the country's security from internal as well as external subversive forces and the need for Army action in the Golden Temple complex.

While recapitulating the events of the past few years, since the Akalis intensified their agitation, it will incorporate details of the preparations by the extremists, acquisition of arms by them from external sources, and the manner in which the Akali leaders made use of the terrorists to pressurise the Government into accepting a solution dictated by them.

Although the Union Cabinet's Committee on Political Affairs spent nearly three house last evening discussing the draft paper prepared by the Home Ministry, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee, Defence Minister R. Venkataraman and External Affairs Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao were busy today making changes and improving the draft in several respects.

Realising that the White Paper will be read with interest, not only within the country but also abroad, the government is keen to ensure that it presents an authentic version of recent developments and carries conviction about the inevitability of a crackdown on terrorists it ordered with utmost reluctance.

Two questions raised by the government's critics — whether it has shown reasonableness in its dealings with the Akali leaders and exhausted all avenues of a settlement, and whether Army action inside the Golden Temple was unavoidable — are also sought to be dealt with. Answered briefly by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during her speeches and press interviews, these two points will be dealt with in detail.

Since Mr Mukherjee, Mr Venkataraman, and Mr Narasimha Rao were associated in the negotiations with the Akalis, they are in an advantageous position to recall the events in great detail and also to explain the manner in which the Akali leaders, who were unable to make up their mind, refused to come to a settlement.

The aspect of the continuing threat to the country's security is being emphasised. The government has in its possession details — collected by its intelligence agencies and from interrogationof the detained terrorists, who include a few Pakistani nationals, — of the training imparted to the extremists in the use of weapons and in terrorism and of the weapons supplied to them. Details of the weapons seized from the terrorists inside the Golden Temple complex and outside will also be given.

The government's firm stand on secession as highlighted by the "Khalistan" slogan and its determination to stamp out terrorism, whatever the cost, will be forcefully reiterated.

It is the government's view that even after the operations inside the Golden Temple, the threat from the terrorists persists. This is borne out by the recurrence of incidents of murder and sabotage in Punjab and attempts by some overseas Akalis and extremists to infiltrate across the international border to augment the strength of the terrorists which is declining day by day as more and more of them are apprehended. Therefore, the security forces will not be withdrawn from Punjab till the threat from the extremists has been completely eliminated.

It has also been noticed that there is no visible change in attitude of the Akalis in spite of what happened in the Golden Temple, which had been converted into an arsenal of sophisticated weapons and was ruled by terrorists. The five priests authorised by the SGPC [Sikh Temples Management Committee] acting president to organise repairs of the Akal Takht though "kar seva" [Sikh religious volunteers] also put forth a set of demands, some political, before they could take up restoration work. One of their demands — that the Golden Temple complex be thrown open to devotees during certain hours, has already been conceded and since yesterday, people are able to offer prayers at Harimandir Saheb. The demand that the Army withdraw from the Harimandir Saheb and the parikrama but remain inside the buildings in the complex and all vantage positions all round to enable "kar seva" volunteers to start restoration work is also likely to be conceded. The Army will continue to remain in control of the complex and also regulate entry.

The priests have also suggested that hundreds of bags of foodgrains stored in the community kitchen (langar) be disposed of to prevent their being damaged and rendered unfit for human consumption. The foodgrains belong to the SGPC and the Government cannot dispose of them. In view of reports that a large number of weapons were smuggled into the Golden Temple complex concealed in foodgrain bags, these shall have to be emptied of their contents and examined for weapons. It is possible that the five priests will agree to such a procedure under Army supervision.

Another demand by them is that the entire walled city of Amritsar be declared "holy" and the sale of meat and tobacco forbidden. The area within 200 metres of the temple complex has already been declared "holy" and the sale of meat and tobacco is banned. Given the goodwill, this does not appear to be a difficult demand for the government to accept.

The prime minister has already made some gestures and applied the "healing touch" and more may follow. But it is regretted that the Akalis and the extremists, who brought the situation to a sorry pass, do not betray an expression of guilt. It is being made clear that the situation will be watched continuously because "Khalistan" slogans have been raised and also because the possibility exists of a "provisional government of Khalistan" being set up abroad with the help of forces hostile to India and interested in destabilising the country.

In this connection it has been noted that General Chisti (Ret) of the "Azad Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference" and Amanullah Khan of the "Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front" have been meeting Dr Jagjit Singh Chauhan regularly. In a recent issue of *SIKH YOUTH INTERNATIONAL*, a

publication of "Khalistan Information Centre," which operates in West Germany, Rajinder Singh of the centre warned: "The day the Sikhs rise in Punjab, Pakistan will invade Kashmir."

Situation in Punjab Seen Returning to Normal

BK011404 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Commentary by K.P.K. Kutty]

[Text] All the Sikh shrines in Punjab are open for pilgrims. An unending stream of devotees is now worship in peace in these shrines. The news that the last of the Sikh shrines, the historic Muktsar Gurdwara at Faridkot, has also been thrown open to the pilgrims has been received by the people with a sense of relief.

Already tens of thousands of devotees, both Hindus and Sikhs, have visited the Golden Temple in Amritsar. They have seen for themselves that Harimandir Saheb, the sanctum sanctorum of the holiest of the Sikh shrines, is completely safe. They are satisfied that no damage has been done to it following the action of the security forces early this month.

Meanwhile, the security forces continued to bring out of the debris in the vast Golden Temple complex almost daily varying quantities of arms and ammunition, some with foreign markings. And not only in the temple complex but elsewhere in Punjab also, the security forces have been daily seizing huge quantities of weapons in the continuing mopping-up operations. This shows that Punjab was slipping into a dangerous situation when the security forces made their entry on the scene. It is in this context that the security forces are now guarding peace in Punjab. They are there for the safety and security of all the people.

The continued recovery of arms and the stray killings indicate that there are still remnants of extremists operating in parts of Punjab, possibly on an individual basis. Peace will come to Punjab only after these elements are also rounded up. It is only to complete this task that the security forces remained there.

The prime minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, has given clear assurance that the Army will not remain in Punjab a day longer than necessary. One hopes that the day will not be far off when complete normalcy is restored and people belonging to different communities settled down to their traditional harmonious relationship.

Along with the restoration of normalcy in the law and order front, efforts are also on to give a soothing touch to the situation. It is with a sense of shock that the Sikhs came to know that their holy places have been turned into sanctuaries for criminals and extremist elements and that Army action had to be resorted to to flush them out. The entire country is with the Sikhs in helping them come out of this traumatic experience. Sikhs living abroad are also realizing the truth of the situation. The false and malicious propaganda of the separatists is bound to fail.

At home, the efforts should be to isolate the militant and communal elements which have struck every time a settlement seemed to be in sight on the Punjab issue. It is noted with satisfaction that the authorities have already started releasing from custody those found to have nothing to do with the extremist activities. One hopes the present phase of the Punjab action, which has been restoration of complete normalcy with a thrust on resumption of day to day work, will go a long way in providing the healing touch.

New Governor Named

BK021600 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] Mr K.T. Satarawala has been appointed the new governor of Punjab in place of Mr B.D. Pande. This was officially stated in New Delhi today. Mr Satarawala is the lieutenant governor of Goa at present.

More Suspects Arrested

BK020610 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] In Punjab, the security forces in their continuing mopping-up operations have apprehended 73 more suspected terrorists and 4 Army deserters from different parts of the state during the last 24 hours. An official spokesman said in Chandigarh today that the apprehended suspected terrorists include some members of the All India Sikh Students Federation and some [word indistinct] offenders. He said one Canadian citizen was arrested in Jullundur district and some arms and ammunition recovered from his possession. The spokesman said a large quantity of arms and ammunition has also been recovered. These include one Springfield rifle, one Chinese assault rifle, several pistols and revolvers and over 300 rounds of ammunition. He said some more weapons and ammunition, including a revolver, a pistol and high explosive grenades, were recovered from the Golden Temple complex by the security forces yesterday.

Arrests Continue

BK030405 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 3 Jul 84

[Excerpt] The security forces in their continued mopping-up operations have apprehended 41 more suspected terrorists from different parts of the state [Punjab] since yesterday.

According to an official spokesman in Chandigarh, large quantity of arms and ammunition have also been recovered during the search for illegal weapons from many places in the state. These include 5 pistols and revolvers, 2 high explosive grenades, 1 (?smoke) grenade, and over 560 rounds of ammunition. The spokesman said many of these were recovered from Guru Nanak Niwas, Teja Singh (Samandhri) Hall and parikrama [circumambulation of a holy place] of the Golden Temple.

All India Radio Chandigarh correspondent reported a short while ago that in Amritsar thousands of devotees have visited the Golden Temple this morning. From today the devotees are being allowed into the temple from 0500 to 0900 in the morning and from 1600 to 1800 in the evening.

Akali Leaders in Amritsar Form Ad Hoc Committee

BK301559 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] Akali leaders, who met in Amritsar yesterday, have formed an 11-member ad hoc committee to look after the affairs of the party. The former general secretary of the party, Mr Prakash Singh Majithia, has been appointed the convener of the ad hoc committee.

Mr Rajender Singh (Dhariwal) has taken over as acting president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak [Sikh Temple Management] Committee.

Three Leaders Protest Decision

BK020612 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] Three prominent Akali leaders have described their appointment on an 11-member ad hoc committee to look after the working of the party as an arbitrary decision of a few members. Mr Balwant Singh, a member of the party high command; Mr Sukhdev Singh Bhinsa, and Mr Balvinder Singh Ghunder, former ministers, in a statement in Chandigarh said no decision on any such committee was taken at the emergency meeting of the party held at Amritsar last Friday.

Air Chief Marshal Dilbagh Singh Retires

BK010919 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Air Marshal L.M. Katre will be the new chief of air staff. An official announcement in New Delhi today said that Air Marshal Katre will assume office on 4 September, when Air Chief Marshal Dilbagh Singh retires.

Air Marshal Katre has been given the substantive rank of air chief marshal. He is presently the chairman of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

Jammu, Kashmir Government Reorganization Detailed

BK021627 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] In Jammu and Kashmir, a 15-member new ministry headed by Ghulam Mohammad Shah was sworn in this evening. The governor, Mr Jag Mohan, administered the oath of office at a function in Raj Bhavan. Earlier, the governor dismissed the Farooq Abdullah ministry following a split in the National Conference when 12 members of legislative assembly [MLA's] withdrew their support to Dr Abdullah and elected Mr Shah as their leader. Besides the new chief minister Mr Ghulam Mohammad Shah, the other 14 ministers sworn in today are of cabinet rank. They are Mr D.D. Thakur, Mr Hissamuddin Bandey, Mr Talib Hussain, Munshi Habibullah, Mr Ali Mohammad Naik, Mr Mohammad Dilawar Mir, Mr (Sammaullah Dhar), Mirza Mohammad Beg, Sheikh Abdul Jabar, Mrs (Khemlata Wakroo), Mr Mohammad Khalil Johar, Mr Ghulam Hassan Mir, Mr Hakim Mohammad Yasin, and Mrs Curbachan Kumari Rana. All but the two of them are members of the State Assembly, while Mr Ghulam Mohammad Shah and Mr D.D. Thakur are the members of the Legislative Council. At the swearing in ceremony the judges of the high court and senior officers were present. The Congress-I legislative party leader Maulvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari was also present on the occasion.

A press release issued from Raj Bhavan says that 13 members of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly — 12 belonging to the National Conference and 1 independent — called on the governor early this mroning pledging their support to Mr Ghulam Moahmmad Shah. Mr Shah personally appeared before the governor along with the MLA's. The governor after getting the members identified to his satisaction called the former chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, to his office and informed that he had lost the majority in the Legislative Assembly and he should submit his resignation. The former chief minister suggested the summoning of the assembly for trial of strength and in the alternative to dissolve the assembly. The Raj Bhavan press release says since the former chief minister had lost the confidence of the majority of the members of the assembly, the question of accepting his advice by the governor did not arise.

Simultaneously, the Congress-I legislature party leader, Mr Iftikhar Hussain Ansari, presented a letter to the governor in person informing him that 26 members belonging to his party had decided to support Mr Shah. The governor being satisfied about the majority of Mr Shah in the house invited him to form the government subject to the condition that he would again prove his majority on the floor of the house within a month of date of assuming office.

An official spokesman said in Srinagar this evening that the situation in the state was peaceful and there was no report of any untoward incident from any part of the valley.

Delhi Notes Reaction

BK030333 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 3 Jul 84

[Text] The new chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr G.M. Shah, has said that his government will give top priority to strengthen the forces of unity and national integrity in the country. Mr Shah was speaking to newsmen immediately after the swearing in of his Council of Ministers. He said the next important task will be to clean the economic and administrative mess and give relief to the people.

As already reported, the state governor, Mr Jag Mohan, dismissed the Farooq Abdullah ministry following a split in the National Conference; 12 members of the Legislative Assembly belonging to the party withdrew their support to Dr Abdullah and elected Mr Shah as their leader.

The former chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, talking to newsmen in Srinagar, said the dismissal of his government is unconstitutional.

The Uttar Pradesh chief minister, Mr Sripati Mishra, has expressed happiness over the formation of the new ministry in Jammu and Kashmir. He said having lost the majority support, Dr Farooq Abdullah should have resigned.

The West Bengal chief minister, Mr Jyoti Basu, said the dismissal of the Abdullah government is an attack on democracy.

The Madhya Pradesh chief minister, Mr Arjun Singh, hoped that the state will progress toward a better future.

The Andhra Pradesh chief minister, Mr N.T. Rama Rao, described the action as unfortunate.

The Lok Dal president, Mr Charan Singh; the Democratic Socialist Party president, Mr H.N. Bahuguna; the Janata Party leader, Mr Raj Narain; the general secretary of the All India Forward Bloc, Mr Chitta Basu, and the Congress-S leader, Mrs Ambika Soni, have criticized the governor's action.

Two ministers in Bihar, Mr Taneshwar Azad and Mr Karuneshwar Singh, and some prominent Congress-I leaders of the state have welcomed the dismissal of the Farooq Abdullah government in Jammu and Kashmir.

A Janata Party deputation headed by the party president, Mr Chandra Shekhar, met the president, Giani Zail Singh, to lodge a protest against the Jammu and Kashmir governor's initiative to dismiss Dr Farooq Abdullah's ministry.

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh [State] Congress-I general secretary, Mr Dharam Pal, has hailed the governor's action in appointing Mr G.M. Shah as the new chief minister. In a statement in Jammu he said his party expects the new chief minister to take strong action against the antinational and extremist elements.

The president of the All India Tanzime Islami (Mujazid) — All India Organization of Imams — Maulana (Jamil Ahmed Ilasi), has alleged that the former Jammu and Kashmir government had extended patronage to terrorists, banned organizations, secessionists, and antinational elements. In a pamphlet, the maulana said that the Farooq Abdullah government took no step to curb virulent anti-Indian propaganada under its rule, and the pro-Pakistani elements had a field there. He said such support of the government to communal and secessionist forces created a climate that was endangering the unity and integrity of the border state, which is a sensitive area.

Delhi: 'No Untoward Incidents'

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[Text] Shops in some parts in Srinagar remained closed today. However, road transport is plying normally. Police is patrolling the interior parts of the city. According to reports, shops in Anantnag and Baramula are open. Life in other parts of the state is normal. No untoward incident has been reported from anywhere.

AFP Notes Unrest

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[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Excerpt] New Delhi, July 3 (AFP) — Reinforced security forces today patrolled towns in Jammu and Kashmir, India's latest flash point, as tension simmered following the controversial ouster of the premier of this strategic state, reports here said.

Paramilitary forces from the crack Border Security Forces and the Central Reserve Police were rushed to the disputed, northwestern state yesterday to reinforce state police within hours of the dismissal of the 13-month-old government of the Moslem-dominated National Conference Party (NCP) led by Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, federal sources said.

A curfew was imposed and press reports here said that police fired in the air and mounted baton charges as youths gathered in the state capital, Srinagar. They stoned shops, the reports said, and shouted anti-Indian slogans and statements favourable to Pakistan, with whom India has twice fought over Jammu and Kashmir.

The curfew was lifted in Srinagar today, PTI reported, but security forces were on the alert and mounted patrols. Only a few shops were open in the state capital and schools and other educational institutions were closed, PTI said.

The crisis hit Jammu and Kashmir as the nation and government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was still recovering from the shock of the bloody crunch in the neighbouring Punjab when the Army stormed the sacred Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Further Reportage on Sri Lankan President's Visit

Jayewardene Protests Tamil Support

BK021304 Hong Kong AFP in English 1253 GMT 2 Jul 84

[By Joel Henri]

[Text] New Delhi, July 2 (AFP) — Visiting Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene today protested to Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi about "propaganda" from India supporting Tamil extremists in Sri Lanka.

In a statement released after talks with her today, Mr Jayewardene said, "I particularly drew her attention to hostile propaganda emanating from Indian territory, which was supportive of terrorism in Sri Lanka and alienating public opinion in my country." The president said Mrs Gandhi had taken note of his views.

Mr Jayewardene's visit is his second to India since riots in Sri Lanka last July between the ethnic minority Tamil community and the majority Sinhalese, Tamil militants are fighting for a separate state in the north and east of Sri Lanka.

Answering press questions after reading his statement, the president said Sri Lanka was examining the legal aspects of an

official demand to the Indian Government for the extradition of Tamil extremists based in India. No formal demand had yet been made.

Tamils dominate the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Press reports in India and Sri Lanka have said that Sri Lankan Tamil extremists are receiving military training there. At lease 400 people, mostly Tamils, were killed and 15,000 left homeless in the July riots, which broke out after an Army patrol was ambushed by Tamil separatists in northern Jaffna.

"The continuing resort to terrorism, often organised with assistance from outside Sri Lanka...endangered the prevailing communal harmony in areas where the majority of Tamil people in Sri Lanka have been living with other communities for generations," Mr Jayewardene said. "It also threatened Sri Lanka's security and stability," he said.

The president denied reports that Sri Lanka had asked the Israeli intelligence organisation Mosad to train the country's police and Army. He added that Britain had turned down a request to train Sri Lanka's security forces.

He also said he had stressed to Mrs Gandhi "the negative consequences" of the absence of a major Tamil extremist group from a round table conference in Sri Lanka designed to end the Tamil problem. The Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) had instead been making provocative comments form outside the country, he said. Most of its leaders are based in Tamil Nadu.

The president also said that while Sri Lanka would welcome a goodwill mission from India or elsewhere, he had told Mrs Gandhi that the Tamil problem "was an internal matter...to be settled between the various Sri Lankan parties concerned." He added that she had agreed.

Mr Jayewardene, who met his Indian counterpart Zail Singh yesterday, is scheduled to return to Colombo today after a three-day official visit.

Holds News Conference

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[Text] The Sri Lanka president, Mr Jayewardene, has said that his discussions with the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, on the ethnic problem in his country have been helpful. The two leaders agreed to remain in close touch. He was addressing a news conference in New Delhi before his departure for Colombo this afternoon. Mr Jayewardene was seen off at the airport by the president, Giani Zail Singh; Mrs Gandhi; and the foreign minister, Mr Narasimha Rao.

Mr Jayewardene said his proposal for a second chamber to be elected by the Tamil majority districts of Sri Lanka is still in a formative stage. The proposal has yet to be discussed at the all-party roundtable conference. He urged the Tamil United Liberation Front to resume negotiations for finding a solution to the ethnic problem.

During the hour-long news conference, Mr Jayewardene defended the opening of an Israeli interest section in the U.S. Embassy in Colombo. While denying any negotiations with the Israeli intelligence agency, Mosad, for combating terrorism, Mr Jayewardene said once the Israeli section is opened his country could ask them how they could help in tackling terrorism. In reply to a question, he denied that Sri Lanka had sought military assistance from Western countries against India. Mr Jayewardene disagreed with a reporter that India's good offices to resolve the Tamil problem amounted to interference in the affairs of his country. He is prepared to accept the good offices of any country to sort out the issue.

A correspondent drew Mr Jayewardene's attention to the reported anti-India statements by the Sri Lanka prime minister, Mr Premadasa. Mr Jayewardene pointed out that in a recent statement, Mr Premadasa described Mrs Gandhi as Sri Lanka's closest friend for whom they have the highest respect. The Sri Lanka president said he agreed with this view and we should forget the past. He said Mrs Gandhi has accepted his invitation to visit Sri Lanka at the earliest convenient date.

A correspondent asked whether it is proper for Mrs Gandhi to visit Sri Lanka in view of the Tamil problem. Mr Jayewardene said India also has problems like Punjab and Kashmir. The Kashmir question is still before the United Nations.

Reacting to this later, a spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry said India is surprised at Mr Jayewardene's remarks. Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. As far as India is concerned, it is a closed matter. In reply to another question, the spokesman made it clear that there were no plans for the prime minister's special envoy, Mr G. Parthasarathy, to go to Sri Lanka. On the question of terrorism, he said India is firmly opposed to all forms of violence.

New Atomic Reactor To Be Commissioned

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[Text] India will enter the third phase of its nuclear power program with the commissioning of the second fast breeder reactor at Kalpakkam near Madra by the end of this year. The chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Dr Raja Ramanna, told a meeting in Bangalore that all the major components of this reactor have been designed indigenously. He said the mixture of carbide fuel, made of plutonium carbide and uranium carbide, will be used for the first time in the world by India.

Mr Ramanna said India has been able to achieve self-sufficiency in the area of nuclear fuel.

PAKISTAN

Yaqub Khan Returns From European Tour

BK011049 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan has said that the five Western European countries he visited have assured him of support for the efforts made by Pakistan to find a peaceful, principled, and political settlement of the Afghanistan issue. He was talking to newsmen in Islamabad on his return this morning from visits to France, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, and Austria. He said that these countries also highly appreciate Pakistan's efforts to normalize relations with India. They say that normalization will significantly help in creating peace and stability in the region.

The foreign minister said that expanded technical cooperation and new avenues of common cooperation were determined during his recent tour of the European countries. He said that he also addressed a conference of Pakistani envoys in Geneva and told them about various issues and of Pakistan's strategy on bilateral relations with Western European countries. The envoys presented encouraging reports in connection with bilateral relations and also made several suggestions on enhancing them.

Earthquake of Moderate Intensity Recorded

BK031022 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 3 Jul 84

[Text] An earthquake of moderate intensity was recorded in Peshawar by the seismological network of the Meteorological Department at 5.58 [on Richter scale] this morning.

Iranian Refugees Sit-In at UN Karachi Office

GF290917 Karachi DAWN in English 25 Jun 84 p 16

[Text] Karachi, June 24 (PPI): A sit-in has been staged by certain Iranian refugees in front of the United Nations local office here to press the concerned authorities for the acceptance of their demands.

According to a press release of the refugees they have started their protest for acceptance of their demands since June 19 and will continue it till their demands are accepted. The demands include assurance by the UN authorities for refugees' security, recognition of refugees' status, solution of financial problems, educational facilities, improvement of medical and hygiene conditions and reduction in restrictions for new arrivals in Pakistan.

Karachi on Soviet Military Failure in Panjsher

BK010949 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] The Soviet Union has failed to achieve its desired goal from its military action in the strategic valley of Panjsher in Afghanistan. According to Afghan sources, the fighting has expanded to the north in Andarab valley and Khowst Va Fereng. The Soviet forces retreated from there after suffering heavy losses. The sources added that the Soviet military action in Herat also failed. Meanwhile, Kabul radio reported heavy clashes between Soviet-Karmal forces and the mujahidin in Parvan Province. According to another report, there have been a number of clashes at Mazar-e Sharif region in which the mujahidin inflicted heavy loss of life to the Soviet-Karmal forces.

SRI LANKA

Premadasa Meets Opposition Party Leaders

BK011125 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Prime Minister Premadasa yesterday discussed a number of issues affecting the university students at a meeting with high-ranking delegation of four opposition political parties in Anuradhapura. Mr Premadasa assured the delegation that he would discuss their representation with relevant officials and prepare a report for discussion with the president on his return.

The delegation included representatives from the Sri Lanka Sama Samaj Party, Communist Party of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Mahajana Party, and Mahajana Eksath Peramuna. Leaders of the four parties — Dr R. Colvin R. de Silva, Pieter Keuneman, T.B. Illangaratne, and Dinesh Gunawardene — were present at the discussion.

The vice chancellor of the University of Peradeniya gave details of the events, which, in his opinion, had led to the establishment of a police post in the Peradeniya campus in December 1983. The delegation urged that this post should be removed as it served no purpose and its existence was a cause of continuing mutual provocation. They pointed out that already a police station existed in Peradeniya, three-quarters of a mile away from the university, and, therefore, a post situated in the university administration complex was unnecessary.

The delegation urged that the authorities of the university should be provided with their own means for maintaining discipline within the campus. They also requested that steps be taken to improve staff-student relationship and that a proper student counselling system should be established.

The delegation further urged that the administration of the university, which is now being conducted on emergency regulations, be brought under the normal statutory authority.

On a request made by the delegation for the release of students and others, who are being held in custody over the current disturbances, the secretary of defense said that the ministry (?was) already engaged in releasing all such persons other than those who would be charged in court.

IRNA: West Carries False Reports on Offensive

LD021901 Tehran IRNA in English 1850 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] Tehran, July 2, IRNA — The imperialist news media have been putting out reports and various claims predicting a large scale ground offensive by the Islamic forces against Iraq. At the same time they estimate that some 100,000 to 500,000 troops have been poised on Iran's borders. However the lapse of time made it clear that the predictions of the Western mass media in regards to the future Iranian offensive do not conform with reality and reason. In fact they have proved once more that the enemies of the Islamic Revolution have been cut off from their sources of intelligence gathering in Iran. No doubt a principal aim of the imperialist news media from such reports and analyses which include the confirmation of Western officials is to provide ammunition for a psychological and propaganda war against the Islmic Republic in Saddam's favour.

Starting from more than a month ago these reports often claimed that Iran's attack would begin in the near future. Initially, the daily press and magazines in the West and then the news agencies and foreign radio stations alleged that the offensive would coincide with the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan. But when this prediction failed to materialize they pinpointed the 15th of Khordad (June 5) anniversary of the uprising against the shah as the day of the offensive. This too turned out to be untrue. News imperialism was not willing to retreat and it said the great offensive would be launched on the 21st night of Ramadan, the Islamic Lailat-ul-Qadr (night of power) and the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Ali (AS).

When such reports published by the Western propaganda machine were proved to be far from reality, it circulated another baseless claim that the offensive had been postponed because of differences between Iranian leaders on halting or continuing the war. Experts on military matters were also brought to comment that since Iran did not have the military capability it could not carry out an attack. As such they added to their propaganda war against Iran and tried to boost the morale of the demoralized Iraqi forces.

In the meantime the Islamic Republic's acceptance of the U.N. secretary general's call for a halt in attacks on civilian areas was misrepresented by the Western press as a gesture of conciliation by Iran and even as a kind of retreat from war. The false reports of the Western press is worthy of reflection when we see that they have come at a time when Iraq's future seems darker than ever with the drain of its financial and military resources. On the other hand Iraq is following a policy of spreading the war by attacking ships and tankers in the Persian Gulf and at the same time accusing the Islamic Republic of war-mongering.

In any case it is obvious that news imperialism is continuing its services for the Iraqi regime as it has done since the start of the Iraqi aggression. However time has shown that it has now gained much success. Recent repeated reports of discord among Iranian leaders on the issue of the war are nothing but illusions and Iran's upper hand in the warfronts and the combat readiness of the Islamic forces are a sign of a mutual agreement for the overthrow of Saddam's regime.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,776

LD021724 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Communique No 1,776 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Yesterday, with effective defensive operations and by the execution of heavy artillery and mortar fire on enemy positions, units, and patrol groups, the forces of Islam killed a number of Iraqi troops on the Bakhtaran and Ilam border fronts and also destroyed two vehicles carrying enemy personnel and seven heavy-and light-weapons bunkers. On the Piranshah, Sar Dasht and Hajj 'Umran border fronts exchanges of fire continued; our forces, while sending out patrol groups on continuous observation activities, controlled enemy movements with their execution of fire, destroying some enemy positions and trenches and setting ablaze an ammunition depot.

During exchanges of fire on the banks of the Arvand Rud, the fighters of Islam silenced enemy heavy weapons fire and destroyed 14 trenches, 2 trucks and one mortar of the forces of Saddam.

During the past 24 hours, residential areas of Abadan came under enemy long-range weapons fire; seven houses sustained some damage and three separate fires were started. Various parts of Khorramshahr also came under sporadic fire from Saddamist mercenaries, starting two fires.

Montazeri Urges Muslim Nations To Reconsider Policies

LD011739 Tehran IRNA in English 1352 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Qom, July 1, IRNA — The governments in Muslim countries supporting the Iraqi regime should be certain that Saddam is on his way out and that the Islamic Republic will never make "a deal" with its enemies, a leading Iranian religious and political figure said today.

Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri, in an address to diplomats of Muslim countries here, advised Muslim governments to reconsider their attitude towards the Islamic Republic.

The Islamic Republic, he said, did not covet the territories of other Muslim countries and did not expect anything from their governments.

"Be certain the Ba'thist regime in Iraq is on its way out and we don't want you to lose face following the escape of Saddam and his kafir (blasphemous) party."

He said: "Be very sure that the Islamic republic is not the kind to sit and make a deal. As soon as Saddam is out, we will be on the side of the Iraqi people and we want all sectors of the Iraqi people, Shias, Sunnis and Kurds to form their desirable government."

"I request you, ambassadors and charges d'affaires, to tell the leaders of your countries that we do not need a single inch of your

territory neither expect anything from you. They are making a mistake in your policies." [sentences as received]

"No one wants your territory. We want to defend Islam. You are all wrong if you think America, the Soviet Union, France and Britain are your supporters."

"We will welcome the leaders of these countries and support them if they settle their differences with Islam and their people and if they set aside the fate of Saddam and they come to an understanding for the destruction of Israel," he told the diplomats on the occasion of the Muslim feast of 'Id al-Fitr.

"Is the Islamic Republic or Israel the true enemy of Arab countries? Take a look. If all these weapons and money which were used in the Iraq-Iran war were used against Israel, will there be any sign of it today," he asked in another part of his speech?

"Today we witness that Muslims are massacred by Israel in Sabra and Shatila, in southern Lebanon and in the Al-Biqa' valley and by the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. But instead of condemning these crimes and eliminating the problems of Muslims in Lebanon, Palestine, Afghanistan and other areas, the leaders of Muslim countries gather and conspire against the Islamic Republic. This is the work of satans and America that we Muslims fight against each other with our own wealth and forces."

"Do not be fooled by the U.S. for the sake of preserving your position. If America was not able to keep Mohammad Reza (shah) in Iran, it would not be able to keep you either. Reconsider your attitude towards the Islamic Republic and reconcile with the Islamic Republic and your people. It is a pity for you to be the agents of kufr (non-believers). It is in your interest to stand against America and Israel so that they would be forced into giving back our holy shrines and the land of Palestine."

President, Army Commander Hold Esfahan Talks

LD292042 Tehran IRNA in English 1842 GMT 29 Jun 84

[text] Tehran, June 29, IRNA — Commander of the Ground Forces, Colonel Sayyad Shirazi together with a group of military and law-enforcement personnel of Esfahan Province met and conferred with President Ali Khamene'i in Esfahan today.

The president was given a report on military readiness of the Islamic combatants, and then he gave the necessary guidelines.

In another development, the Central Council of Islamic Republic Party (IRP) in Esfahan met with the president today.

Karaj Guard Corps Requests More Troops for Front

LD021443 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Karaj, in a statement, asked all those brothers who have previously been on the battlefront of the war of light against darkness to present themselves to the dispatch center of the corps in the Shahid Shar'pasand garrison, Shahid Beheshti Avenue of Jaraj, by Thursday 14 Tir [5 July], in order to be registered and dispatched to the front again.

Labor Minister on Inspection Tour of War Areas

Majnun Islands

LD301032 Tehran IRNA in English 1025 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] Ahvaz, June 30, IRNA — The minister of labor and social affairs, Abdolqasem Sarhadizadeh, visited the Majnun Islands Friday afternoon. In his tour of the islands he inspected the strategic bridge of Khaybar and also the Seyyed ash-Shodada highway.

Meanwhile, Sarhadizadeh also visited the front lines and talked to the Islamic combatants in the Iranian controlled islands.

Khark Island Facilities

LD011522 Tehran IRNA in English 1438 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Bushehr, July 1, IRNA — Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Abdolqasem Sarhadizadeh Saturday inspected the oil installations and terminals at the Khark Island.

Later in the day he discussed in a meeting with the Friday prayers leader of Khark, Hojjat ol-Eslam Slehi security issues of the Persian Gulf, the Iraqi-imposed war and the welfare needs of the people and the Oil Ministry staff at the island.

The minister also held talks with Bushehr Governor General Mohammad Taqi Zamaniyan at the city airport and then left for Tehran.

During his tour of the southern parts of the country, Sarhadizadeh visited the Majnun Islands, the strategic Khaybar Bridge and the Seyyed-(Ul-Shohada) highway Friday.

Oil Exports From Khark Continuing Normally

LD292306 Tehran IRNA in English 2125 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] Bushehr, Southern Iran, June 29, IRNA — Despite attacks by Iraq against oil tankers near Iran's Khark oil terminal, oil exports from this terminal are presently continuing at a normal rate, the governor general of Bushehr Province said today.

He said if oil exports from Khark Island were prevented, Iran would close the Strait of Hormuz.

Mohammad Taqi Zamaniyan told a press conference here that average oil exports from Khark was 35 percent higher than expected during the past week (ends today).

Only on last Friday and Saturday average exports was 50 percent higher than expected, he said.

Zamaniyan said: "We are fully prepared to export oil depending on what number of ships would come to the island for loading."

Ever since the Iraqi war began, Iran had defended its oil routes by two means he said. One was by defending Khark Island and other vital installations in the Persian Gulf and the second was by threatening to close the Strait of Hormuz if attacks on ships carrying Iranian crude continued.

"World arrogant forces are trying to deprive Khark Island from its oil export capability. Naturally, if this happens, we will close the Strait of Hormuz."

"All it takes is for the imam or the head of the Supreme Defence Council to issue an order for the closure of this strait on shipping," Zamaniyan said.

Transport Minister Discusses Shipment of Goods
LD301257 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Jun 84

[Text] In an exclusive interview given to our correspondent, Minister of Roads and Transport Mohammad Hadinezhad-Hoseyniyan said: The number of waiting vessels at Iranian ports has now dropped from 120 to fewer than 40.

He added: During the first 3 months of the current year [year beginning 21 March 1984], the total volume of imports amounted to 5 million tons, of which 2,875,000 tons were imported via ports and the rest through other routes. This shows a 13 percent drop compared to the corresponding period last year, and a 64 percent increase, compared to the corresponding period 2 years ago.

The roads minister then referred to shipment of imported goods, saying that during the first 3 months of the current year 3,155,000 tons of goods have been transported into the country from the various ports and 2,462,000 tons overland.

He added: Shipment of goods from the various ports totalled 5,617,000 tons during the first 3 months of this year. This shows an increase of 30 percent over the preceding year, and 48 percent increase over the same period 2 years ago. As a result, the volume of transport of goods from the ports and other routes, compared to the corresponding period in 1362 [year beginning 21 March 1983] shows an increase of 21 percent. As for the year before that, this shows an increase of 66 percent for the same period.

The minister added: In the first 3 months of this year, not only did we not have any decline in the operation of our ports and other routes, but we managed to transport into the country 617,000 tons of the goods left from last year.

He then said: At present, we have already purchased 10,500 trucks through the Ministry of Heavy Industry, of which around 7,000 have already joined the transport system. As for securing their spare parts, we do hope to be able, through the cooperation of the Commerce Ministry, to achieve some positive results with the help of truck owners.

'Nuke Plant' in Bushehr To Be Completed
LD022016 Tehran IRNA in English 1820 GMT 2 Jul 84

["Bushehr's Nuke Plant To Be Completed" — IRNA headline]

[Text] Bushehr, July 2, IRNA — Arrangements have been made to complete the semi-constructed project of Bushehr nuclear power station, and exploit such advanced technology for expanding industrial and economic growth.

Announcing this, the Bushehr governor general Mohammad Taqi Zamaniyan assured that all international safeguards would be applied to ensure against any nuclear radiation mishap. He said that the power station would be established according to accepted international standards under the strict supervision of the Atomic Energy Organisation of the Islamic Republic.

He stressed that appropriate measures would be scrupulously adhered to and taken to ensure that the plant's functioning poses no threat to the safety and health of the people and environment.

Iraq Executes 13 Commanders for Insubordination
LD292043 Tehran IRNA in English 1845 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] Urumiyeh, June 29, IRNA — Another 13 Iraqi Army commanders have been reportedly sent before the firing squad and executed for insubordination, in Al-Mawsil.

Reports reaching here from inside Iraq say that the group were executed in late May in the early hours of morning for refusing to carry out anti-Islamic and anti-popular orders of Saddam. This crime has met with strong protests and dissatisfaction at Iraqi barracks.

Also in denunciation of the Iraqi regime's crimes, demonstrations were held in Baghdad, Basra, and (Kazemein).

During these demonstrations people shouted Allah-o-akbar "God is great" and have even been said to have carried pictures of Imam Khomeyni. Also 11 people were arrested by Iraqi security agents.

Demonstrations Mark International Jerusalem Day
LD291142 Tehran IRNA in English 1125 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Excerpt] Tehran, June 29, IRNA — Millions of Muslims throughout the Islamic Republic held demonstrations against the racist Zionist regime on Jerusalem Day, the last Friday of the month of Ramadan. They called for unified action by Muslims worldwide to liberate Jerusalem from the Zionists' domination.

Cries of "Jerusalem Day Is the Day of Islam's Revival", "Israel Must Be Destroyed", "Oh Muslims, Give Your Blood, Cry Out and Free Al-Aqsa Mosque" and "Death to America" rang into the air as massive crowds of people — men, women, children and militias — voiced their hatred for the regime occupying Jerusalem.

In the capital, several replicas of the Al-Aqsa Mosque as well as large posters of it were carried by demonstrators and the military men who participated in the demonstration.

One of the demonstrators, Mohammad Tavassoli who was carrying a large "Death to Israel" sign, said the Muslim nation of Iran would go to Jerusalem after the liberation of Karbala, in Iraq.

A member of the Basij volunteer forces, Hamid Azizi, said that Iranian Muslims had realised all their slogans since the revolution and, God willing, they would liberate Jerusalem in a united move with all other Muslims.

Palestinian Envoy Asks for Base in Iran
LD292307 Tehran IRNA in English 2055 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] Tehran, June 29, IRNA — The Palestinian ambassador to Tehran, Salah az-Zawawi, expressed his gratitude to the Muslim people of Iran for their demonstrations throughout the country in condemnation of the Zionist regime today.

Addressing Iranian Government officials and foreign diplomats in an iftar [as received] ceremony at the Palestinian Embassy here, Az-Zawawi said Palestinians were overjoyed that Imam Khomeyni had given them "40 million lovers of Al-Quds [Jerusalem]."

Millions of Iranians demonstrated against the Zionist regime in all parts of the country today to mark the last Friday of the month of Ramadan, declared AL-Quds day by Imam Khomeyni.

The Palestinian ambassador called on Iran and other countries to permit Palestinian bases on their territories and provide greater facilities to give politico-ideological and military training to their combatants.

He rejected the Camp David accord and the Fes plan and said Palestinians had no other option but to continue armed struggle in the face of the Zionists' expansionist policies.

Nicaraguan Foreign Trade Minister Arrives
LD030909 Tehran IRNA in English 0853 GMT 3 Jul 84

[Text] Tehran, July 3, IRNA — Nicaraguan Foreign Trade Minister Alejandro Martinez arrived here this morning and was welcomed at Mehrabad Airport by Iranian Minister of Commerce Hasan Abedi-Ja'fari and director general for Islamic and Third World countries, Pedram Nia.

The visit is made at the invitation of Iranian commerce minister to follow up agreements reached between Iran and Nicaragua during a meeting of Mr Sergio Ramirez Mercado, member of board of government of national reconstruction of Nicaragua, with Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i, four months ago in Tehran.

Mr Martinez is due to hold talks with Iranian officials for the strengthening of trade and economic ties of the two countries.

Mr Martinez said at the airport that he had once again come to Iran to convey a message from Nicaraguan leaders and greetings of Nicaraguan people to Imam Khomeyni and Iranian officials.

Minister of commerce referring to the visit of Nicaraguan delegation to Iran and possibilities for the expansion of mutual ties, said that it was the fifth visit of Mr Martinez to Iran.

He added that Iran and Nicaragua established relations three years ago, adding that volume of trade between the two countries was 20 to 30 million dollars. Abedi-Ja'fari noted that Iran would export oil to Nicaragua in return for Nicaraguan imports to the Islamic Republic.

The first round of talks between officials of Iran and Nicaragua started at the airport.

U.S., UK Companies Aid Kuwaiti Oil Production
LD021629 Tehran IRNA in English 1543 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] Tehran, June 2, IRNA — A newly established British Company, "Inter Oil" and an American one "Progress Oil Technology" have apparently rushed to help Kuwait in a joint programme to increase its average oil production and exploration between 20 and 80 percent compared with the past.

It is worth noting that imperialism aims at materialising its goals through masterminding various plots such as the Iraqi-imposed war and spreading it to the Persian Gulf as well as creating an atmosphere of panic among the regional reactionaries. In this way it can then sell its military armaments in the region on the one hand and on the other accelerate its plundering of the vital resources and wealth of the deprived Arab nations under the guise of technical cooperation.

The cooperation of these two Western Companies with the Kuwaiti Oil Company is a classic example of this strategy.

Kuwaiti Government Deports 15 Iranians
LD301833 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] in continuation of its hostile actions, the Kuwaiti Government has deported another 15 Iranians living in that country. The deportees arrived at Bushehr and Ganaveh ports via the Persian Gulf. They were housed at a special camp for deportees in Bushehr. They were arrested by Kuwaiti security officers at their workplaces or at home on charges of keeping Imam Khomeyni's pictures in their houses and supporting the Islamic Republic of Iran. They were also subjected to extensive torture and maltreatment before being deported from Kuwait. The Kuwaiti Government has not allowed these individuals to take their assets and belongings out of that country.

Five More Iranians Expelled

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[Text] The Kuwaiti Government has continued its acts of aggression by expelling five more Muslim Iranians who had been living in that country. The expelled Iranians have arrived in one of the Iranian ports and have been accommodated.

First Civilian Flight to Ahvaz Since War Began

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[Text] Ahvaz, July 2, IRNA — The first Iran Air passenger plane since the outbreak of the Iraqi-imposed war, landed in Ahvaz airport on Sunday evening.

Minister of Roads and Transport Hadinezhad-Hoseyniyan, his deputy and head of the civil aviation organization Seyyed Hassan Shafti, governor general of Khuzestan Province Mr. Foruzandeh, and a number of other officials were on board the plane.

Later, Shafti told IRNA here that his flight to Ahvaz was an indication of the power of the Islamic Republic since it could conduct flights to Khuzestan Province under the present situation.

He added that the flight was the first after about four years since the outbreak of the Iraqi-imposed war. Iran Air is scheduled to have three flights to Ahvaz weekly to be increased in future.

TEHRAN TIMES on Possible Expansion of War

GF011621 Tehran TEHRAN TIMES in English 6 Jun 84 p 3

[Analysis by H. Musavian: "From Persian Gulf War to World War"]

[Text] The 5-year history of the Iranian Islamic Revolution has shown that imperialism has entered through various doors aiming to defeat the revolution, and when disappointed in one method, has started out on newer ones.

The means used have included trying to establish in power Westernized nationalists, and liberals, inciting of the Kordestan troubles, the unrest in Khuzestan, penetration through the U.S. spy den (embassy), economic embargoes and boycotts, and different coups, Bani-Sadr domination, support to the mojahedin uprisings, and assassinations of officials, the imposed war, encouraging imports of narcotic drugs into the country, causing an oil slick, chemical bombardments, and finally today the war in the Persian Gulf.

A strategic study of superpower plans which have sought domination over Third World countries and tried to gain control over freedom movements before the advent of the Islamic Revolution, indicates the use with relative success of three means in colonizing of deprived countries and plunder of their wealth, infiltration of their agents into the management cadres of the revolution, internal war, and organizing coups.

Imperialism used these methods during the first years of the Islamic Revolution, and its defeat forced it to use at once all the tactics and strategies it had pre-planned for several years ahead, not only for a particular country or two, but for a number of countries and movements through vast research and plannings.

These acts had the contrary effect of turning against its initiators and dealt a strong blow to the body of domination-seeking imperialism, and conversely again was a big help to countries trying to become independent, because it gave them an insight into these satanic plots and taught them how to fight against them.

Military defeat will mean the very last straw for imperialism, which will then reach a dead end.

The full military campaign against the Islamic Revolution has continued not for one year, but for four years, and this has been effected not through one superpower, but through all of them including the U.S., Soviet Union, France, England, and others, and since none have been successful it can be presumed that this is one such dead end for imperialism, which now, seeks release of its frustration through action in the Persian Gulf.

Thinking that Iraq has started a war in the Persian Gulf, on its own, is very naive thinking, since according to general admission, Iraq without the help of superpowers and the Persian Gulf countries, would not have been able to withstand onslaughts or continue the war for even a single day.

It is not even in the slightest way possible that Iraq has attacked the Saudi Arabian ships, without previous agreements and permission of that country which is its largest financial supporter.

Knowing that the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, are the economic lifelines of the superpowers, and knowing very well that with its instability their (superpower) interests will be endangered, why have they begun such risky moves, what goals and plans are they after?

Today, for the superpowers the problem is not Iran, it is the survival of Islam and the expansion and unification of one billion Muslims. Now since they consider Iran to be the center of this pivotal movement, they are concentrating all their efforts in setting political, military and propaganda plots against it.

In the same way the Saddam regime as a regime and Saddam as a person is not the issue. It is simply that this regime is looked on as the most powerful regime espousing superpower interests in the Islamic countries, and therefore, its defeat will mean defeat of other countries under superpower domination in the region, such countries as Jordan, and others.

Finally, Iraqi defeat will spell the fall of the regime occupying Palestine (Israel). After this happens even if the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz are secure, they will be of no benefit to imperialism.

The plunder of the wealth of Islamic countries can no longer continue and all mutual dealings, agreements and contracts will be based on the criteria of equity and justice. "Justice" in all

things will lead to a new and flourishing era for all these countries and imperialism perforce will have to cease to exist.

Therefore, the superpowers have to accept this dangerous risk and have had no other choice.

The superpower goals and programs can be outlined as follows: First stage: Causing insecurity in the Persian Gulf;

At this stage Saddam has declared clearly, assuming imperialism's voice that he has attacked the ships and will continue to do so, and that he will ruin the security of the Strait of Hormuz. In doing so, a dishonorable game has been started and it is planned for this to be continued; the mercenary agents of imperialism are acting in concert: Iraq sets on fire the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti ships; Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other enter the scene in the name of "preserving their interests in the Persian Gulf," show themselves as a party in the fight, and relate the issue to all the other Persian Gulf countries.

Second stage: Trying to create an appropriate mental climate in the world. No doubt imperialism has focussed 70 percent or more of its news media discussions and news with this objective in mind. A study of Western agency news telexed across the world work according to a deliberate method.

At first, most news are simply published; then they shuffle and toy around with the news through analyses and elaborations and finally deny the original base of the news. In the end the news gets at nothing but simply fosters a climate of tension around the Persian Gulf problem for the world, and keeps such tension going, causing fear in the minds of all the people across the world that no oil will be exported to any country, and finally prepares the ground and makes the world view ready for any military action from superpowers or their dependent regimes in the region.

Third stage: Ruining the economy of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In this stage imperialism is planning to cut Iran's oil exports by making insecure the Persian Gulf and, therefore, preventing tankers from loading Iranian oil, thus severing its vital economic lifeline. By doing so, the superpowers plan also to affect the import of prime needs of the country such as food, industrial, and other imports. By doing so, they expect finally to paralyze Iran completely.

The strategy behind such plans for imperialism is to try to disguise the direct oppression of the Iranian people and give a different interpretation to the facts so that it will not have an adverse impact on the minds of Muslims throughout the world. Of course such interpretations will receive wide publicity through the news media.

Fourth stage: Persian Gulf countries' war against Iran.

It is imperialism's hope that it will win in the third stage, but if not, it will have no other choice but to force the Persian Gulf countries into war against Iran. Starting now, news on destroying oil resources of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, etc, and the probability of a Saudi Arabian war against Iran, and of others against Iran, are published in order to prepare the grounds in the minds of the people of the world, to anticipate such wars to be started in the future. Working in this direction, imperialism trying to destroy the Islamic Revolution using the reactionary and dependent regimes of the region but under cover of such statements as: "Countries in the region should solve their own problems."

If world-wide oppression does not succeed in the fourth stage, it will have no other way but to intervene directly. Although after the political and military humiliations resulting from direct intervention in Vietnam, imperialism has no interest in direct intervention in other countries and no wish to see a repeat of the same bitter results, yet when not having any other choice in fulfilling its interests, it will do so.

But, what will finally result from causing insecurity in the Persian Gulf, playing with people's minds across the world in preparing grounds for destroying Iran's economy, and if not successful, forcing the Arab countries of the region to enter wars with Iran, or finally if not successful in any other way, to launch direct intervention in the region?

The conclusion can be easily predicted and summed up considering the following facts:

1. Closure of the Strait of Hormuz, in addition to affecting the Iranian economy, will conversely [as published] affect the entire world economy.

2. The Iranian nation have proved during the past five years that their revolution is a moral one, that they have risen for Islam and, therefore, their capability to withstand material pressures is infinitely high.

3. Cutting oil exports to countries across the world will raise the price of oil up to 100 dollars per barrel, which in turn will cause an increase by a few times more of prices all round.

4. Superpower nations are heavily dependent on material consumerist living, and for instance now if the price of oil is increased from one dollar to five, all such countries including the governments of Reagan, or Mitterand, will no doubt collapse.

5. The Iranian military force today is more than that of other countries of the region, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, and others. Additionally, each military personnel of Iran who is fighting for God and Islam and is ready to sacrifice himself for his cause, can fight alone against 20 military personnel of the Arab countries against those who have been brought to the war fronts induced by money, wine, and such like offers. This has been observed as truth thousands of times in the war fronts between Iran and Iraq, and the Iraqi soldiers captured by Iranian combatants are the best witnesses of this fact.

6. The people of the countries of the Persian Gulf region are Muslims and support true Islam. They see the practice of Islam in Iran as that introduced by the Prophet, God bless him and all his scion, and have no faith in an Islam which compromises with the U.S. and Israel. The main reason for the Saddam regime being unsuccessful in war with Iran has been disagreement and lack of cooperation of the masses among the Muslims of Iraq,

while the Islamic Republic conversely has seen daily increased success because of the faith of the Iranian people in their government and their cooperation with it.

7. In the event the regimes of the countries in the region enter into war with Iran, they will definitely forget the interior issues affecting their own countries and this will be the best situation for the development of Islamic moves and movements in their countries.

8. If the U.S. directly intervenes in the region, there is no doubt that the Vietnam fiasco will be repeated even more strongly this time. In this case, since expansion of a war in the Persian Gulf will endanger all the powerful countries and their interests and since the Persian Gulf is adjacent to the Eastern superpower's boundaries and since this power will positively resent U.S. military intervention, the start of the third world war will no doubt be a very strong probability.

9. The third world war indeed will bring all the superpowers into action against each other, and will lead to mutual destruction of their military forces and this will inevitably be the best groundwork for a new worldwide government to be established, and such a government will no doubt be an Islamic government.

The Muslim people of the world in Iran, Palestine, Lebanon, Afghanistan, and elsewhere now have found their way to final freedom. In the event of a third world war the ground for unity and organization will be completely provided and with God's will they will forever end the bitter story of government by the U.S.A., the Soviet Union, and others, such governments as were led by Hitler, Mussolini ... and the ex-shah.

TEHRAN TIMES on Reagan Reelection Bid

GF011704 Tehran TEHRAN TIMES in English 3 Jun 84 p 1

[Editorial by H. Musavian: "Reagan's Presidency: Victim to the Persian Gulf"]

[Text] The United States presidential elections will be held within the next few months. The coincidence of the election campaigns with the Persian Gulf issue has prevented the White House from coming up with any decisive stance in solving the problem.

It is so because Reagan is well aware of the fact that escalation of tensions in the Persian Gulf is a great weak point in his foreign policies. He knows as well that any direct intervention in the Persian Gulf will be a grave mistake that may cost him his chance for reelection.

Another problem facing Reagan is his politico-economic commitments to fulfill the demands of his European allies.

Now if the Persian Gulf crisis remains unsolved, immense economic interests of the West will be at stake and a solution to the matter has to be found by the U.S. from the West's point of view. Such an expectation of course rests on the ground that all the regional countries involved in the Iraqi-imposed war against Iran such as Kuwait, Saudi Arabia... are U.S. puppets and that it is the U.S. that gave the green light for the escalation of the crisis.

But the European allies of the U.S. must note that reelection to presidency is more important to Reagan than the interest of the former and that since he does not want to take any tough action lest he may risk his chance for presidency, it is then quite natural that it will be the European countries which should sustain the heaviest of economic blows on their vital interests in the Persian Gulf.

Certainly if the Western countries fail to take actions that can stop the insane Iraqi regime from attacking vessels and making the Persian Gulf insecure for shipping, they have to prepare for yet more inflation, unemployment and other economic disturbances.

It is then to the benefit of the Western states not to let their vital interests fall a victim to the U.S. presidential elections and the personal interests of Reagan... because most probably, Reagan will not be reelected due to the Persian Gulf crisis which he himself has initiated by encouraging the Iraqi regime to escalate the war.

His predecessor, Jimmy Carter lost his chance to the hostages issue and he (Reagan) will have to pay the price for ordering the Baghdad regime to disturb international shipping in a bid to pressure the Islamic Republic.

The Western countries should realize that their military, political and propaganda support for the Ba'thist regime of Iraq will put their own political situation at stake. The reason is simply that Saddam is doomed to go but the consequences of his downfall, the shame and economic blows for the West will remain.

Reconstruction Minister Interviewed by KEYHAN

GF021320 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 14 Jun 84 p 2

[Report on interview with Minister of Reconstruction Crusade Bijar Namadar-Zanganeh — date, place not given]

[Excerpts] At the start of the interview Brother Namadar-Zanganeh spoke about the work of reconstruction crusade in bringing economic progress to the country. He noted that the first order of His Holiness the Imam was to organize the reconstruction crusade. The reconstruction crusade has concentrated most of its efforts in the villages because the villages are important to Iran. Most of our deprived people live in the villages.

The second point is that in the past in the villages we had the most genuine and least dependent form of production and in this way, not only were the needs of country for crops satisfied but great amounts of these crops were exported abroad. Production was very important for the world oppression, especially for the United States, from the time of their presence in Iran. After 1963 it tried for years to destroy this method of production in villages and to make our country dependent. After a while they were successful in doing this.

After the start of the reconstruction crusade, all its efforts have been concentrated on reviving the villages. However, the villages will not be revived unless agriculture is revived and this is the only way we can reach economic freedom. These activities include the construction of irrigation projects needed by agriculture, the creation of cultivatable land, and the use of mechanical means to increase production. All this will improve production and revive the villages.

Along with these activities, there has been a lot of work done on the construction of roads, projects to provide water and electricity, and projects to create industries in the villages in order to improve living conditions and to raise the standard of living. Considering the great needs of the villagers, the destruction left from the hated Pahlavi regime, the present position of the government, and all the efforts that have been done to date, more effort is still needed in the abovementioned areas in order to become self-sufficient economically.

The minister of the reconstruction crusade then spoke about the importance of agriculture and said: In our country there is a great link between agriculture and villages because we cannot go to landowners or industry. For the production of crops we have to depend on the production of villages, so providing public services to the villages has a great role in production. We must try to equalize the income from agriculture and villages with income from different sectors of the economy by attracting bank credits for agriculture, by establishing proper taxes, and allocating money to aid the villages. By producing wheat, we can become self-sufficient and this gives us military independence. It is important to become self-sufficient as soon as possible since the work of our villagers in agriculture is a great battle against America. Our society attaches great importance to this effort; the government and the Islamic Majlis will also back the farmers in every way.

Brother Namadar-Zanganeh then spoke about the role of people in the reconstruction crusade and noted: The reconstruction crusade was created by the people for the people and it is only natural that it moves with the people. If we didn't have the people with us, we would be like a fish out of water.

The minister of the reconstruction crusade then noted the importance and the role of the reconstruction crusade in the imposed war and the reconstruction of the freed villages and said: When our Islamic revolution was attacked, the crusade thought that its duty as the child of revolution was to defend the revolution with all its efforts. Given the possibilities and powers of the crusade, the combat engineering tasks are the responsibility of the reconstruction crusade and all preparations to prepare the forces for combat is done by the crusade. These activities include building roads, trenches, bridges, and other things. The crusaders have played an important role in the successes of the Islamic forces against the Ba'thist-Zionist enemy, and living proof of this is the construction of the huge Kheybar Bridge and the Seyyed Ash-Shohada Road.

He added: The crusaders not only have an active presence at the warfronts but have also made great efforts to make the freed areas livable and ready for planting and harvesting. By plowing the land and repairing flood damage they have taken a great and useful step to bring back those farmers who fled the war and to restore agricultural production in those farming areas. With their efforts they have also stopped the death of palm trees and cattle in the war areas.

Free Voice of Iran on Kordestan Clashes

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[Text] The Free Voice of Iran correspondent in Kordestan has sent this report to the clandestine center of the Free Voice of Iran transmitter:

The attacks of Khomeyni's Guards on the Kurdish Peshmerga forces have intensified during the past 5 days. During clashes in the past few days, about 800 persons from both sides have been killed in these violent encounters. The official sources of the Islamic regime has maintained silence on the actual number of casualties among the Guard forces in the clashes of the past few days in Kordestan. They have merely confirmed — very casually — the killing of 100 government forces.

Citing Kurdish Peshmerga sources, the Free Voice of Iran correspondent in his report added: The number of the losses for the Guard forces in the recent clashes in Kordestan is more than 100 persons. Even among the Kurdish Peshmergas the figure of 600-700 killed is false because most of the Kurds killed were the innocent inhabitants of the cities and villages in the Kurdish majority areas; they were killed as a result of Guards firing on innocent people.

According to the report sent by the Free Voice of Iran correspondent from Kordestan [words indistinct] it is for the first time that the Islamic Republic forces have been successful in taking over an area of 300-km in western Iran in the axes of Gharb (Chatur) and (Chaturkhoy) after suffering heavy casualties. In these attacks, Khomeyni's Guard forces open fire on the rural areas with heavy artillery and a large number of innocent children and women are killed.

The Free Voice of Iran correspondent in his report stated that one of the Kurdish Peshmerga leaders, (Kanar) Mohammad, has been missing for 4 days and no information on his fate has been received.

The Free Voice of Iran correspondent in Tabriz in his report stated that the Guard forces and the Islamic Republic's commandos in Tabriz have completed preparations for operations in the vicinity of Piranshah-Mahabad.

Radio Iran on Execution of Political Prisoners

GF021408 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1900 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Excerpt] A sensational news item — the text of which has been put at the disposal of Radio Iran by nationalist elements — reveals the extent of the Khomeyni regime's crimes once again.

This document discloses how Khomeyni's hired assassins secretly killed 81 political prisoners, most of them under 30 years of age; they were buried in a clandestine manner at Behesht-e Zahra Cemetery, which has been filled by Khomeyni.

This document — one of the pages of the voluminous dossier of Khomeyni's crimes and the destruction by Khomeyni and his hirelings — reveals how Asadollah Lajvardi, the slavish executioner of the Islamic Republic, was angered by the possibility that his representative at the coroner's office might have issued an official certificate for those sacrificed at the Evin slaughterhouse. On the basis of this document, 'Abdollah (Gachmiri), Lajvardi's representative at the coroner's office, sent a conciliatory letter to assure the grand executioner that his doubts in this regard were unfounded. It also contained Khomeyni's victims.

We draw the attention of our dear compatriots to this sensational document which has been placed at our disposal by nationalist elements. It is dated 6 March 1984 from the office of the prosecutor of the Islamic Republic of Iran, coroner's office.

Briefs

New Governor General Appointed — Ilam, July 2, IRNA — Interior Minister 'Ali Akbar Nateq-Nuri arrived in Ilam, west Iran, to introduce the new governor general of the province today and was welcomed by local officials. Later, in a meeting of administrative council, he introduced Mr. Zeinulabedin Ataei as new governor general of Ilam Province. Mr. Ataei previously served as political and administrative deputy of the governor general of East Azarbaijan Province. [Text] [Tehran IRNA in English 0941 GMT 2 Jul 84 LD]

Gas Turbine Station Commissioned — On the auspicious occasion of 'Id al-Fitr, this morning in a ceremony in the presence of Mr. Ghafuri-Fard, the energy minister, two 25-mw gas turbines of Shari'ati power station in Mashhad were commissioned and 50-mw of electricity was added to Khorasan power grid. This gas power station which has six gas turbines with a combined capacity of 150-mw will be built and brought into production by the technical employees of Tavanir Company. According to the same report, at noon today the energy minister inspected various parts of Tus power station and thanked the employees of these two power stations. The workshop at Toroq dam in Mashhad was also inspected by the energy minister and his entourage this morning. [Text][Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Jul 84 LD]